

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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International Appln. No.: PCT/JP2005/004041

Filed: Concurrently herewith

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For: MOLD-SUPPORTING APPARATUS, MOLDING MACHINE, AND MOLDING  
METHOD (AS AMENDED)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 7, 2006

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application,  
please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

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**Remarks are submitted beginning on page 7.**